

*State of Maine*



WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting national and community needs since its creation in 1994; and

WHEREAS, each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for more than 85,000 citizens across the nation, including approximately 300 in Maine, to give back in an intensive way to our communities, our state, and our country; and

WHEREAS, more than 637,000 men and women, including 4,281 from Maine, have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to "get things done for America" since 1994; and

WHEREAS, those AmeriCorps members have served more than 774 million hours nationwide, including 5,837,720 served by residents from Maine, helping to improve the lives of our state's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Commission for Community Service plays a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet state and local needs; and

WHEREAS, residents of Maine have earned more than \$12,757,159 in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or pay back student loans; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

WHEREAS, Congress last year passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow to 250,000 members by the year 2017 and focuses AmeriCorps on critical national issues of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and economic opportunity; and

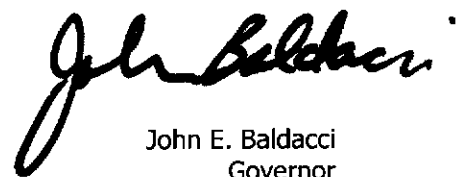
WHEREAS, AmeriCorps Week is an opportune time for the people of Maine to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service; thank AmeriCorps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service,

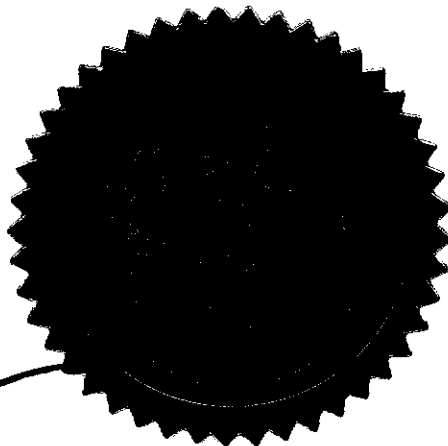
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May 8 - 15, 2010 as

**AMERICORPS WEEK**

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.

In testimony whereof, I have caused  
the Great Seal of the State to be  
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand  
at Augusta this twenty-sixth day of April  
Two Thousand and Ten.

  
John E. Baldacci  
Governor



  
Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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